

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

[1] (original) An ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus comprising:  
a transducer array in which a plurality of transducers for transmitting an ultrasonic wave to a subject and receiving a reflected wave therefrom are arrayed;  
a delay addition unit for performing parallel reception by carrying out a delay addition operation with respect to reception signals obtained by the transducer array; and  
a deflection angle control unit for controlling a deflection angle for reception according to a setting for the delay addition operation carried out by the delay addition unit,

wherein the deflection angle control unit narrows an angle formed between a plurality of directions of reception directivities in the parallel reception as a deflection angle of a transmission beam transmitted from the transducer array increases.

[2] (original) The ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a correction unit for performing control for changing sensitivity correction amounts for a plurality of reception signals in the parallel reception in a manner such that a decrease in a relative sensitivity in transmission-reception due to an increase in the deflection angle of the transmission beam is compensated.

[3] (original) The ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the correction unit performs correction such that any of the plurality of reception signals received in a state such that angles between respective directions of reception directivities in the parallel reception and a direction of a directivity of the transmission beam are equal to one another have relative sensitivities equal to one another.

[4] (currently amended) The ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the deflection angle control unit performs control such that a difference between a deflection angle determining a direction of the transmission beam

and a deflection angle determining a next direction of the transmission beam decreases as the deflection angle of the transmission beam increases.

[5] (original) The ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the plurality of transducers are arrayed at least two-dimensionally, and a plurality of points at which the transmission beam crosses a projection face form lattice points that are arrayed two-dimensionally at uniform intervals.